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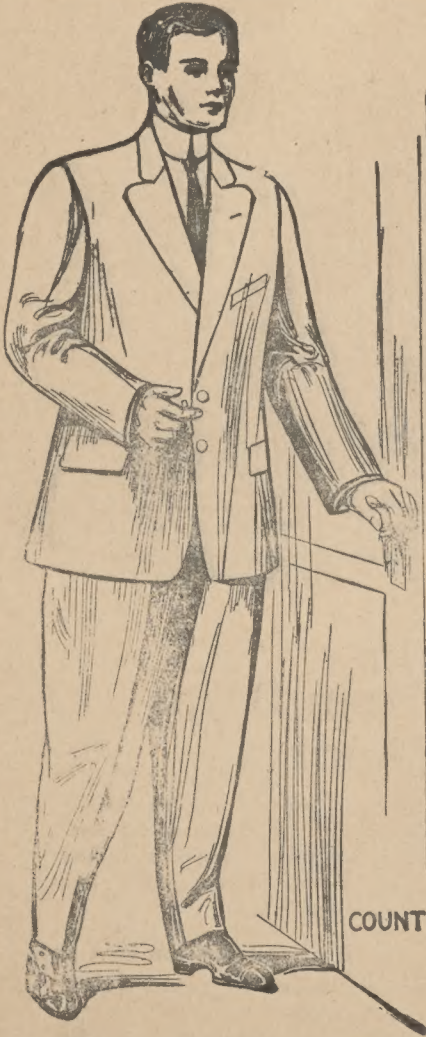
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THE WORLD AT LARGE

Quidquid agunt homines

The great English coal-strike, spoken of last month as an imminent possibility, has become a real and menacing fact in England's social and industrial life; its seriousness may be gauged by the circumstance that 1,050,000 men have ceased work in the coal industry and that already railways are cancelling trains on branch lines. Coal is the life-blood of English industry and English power; cessation in its production prognosticates serious illness.

The men on strike are claiming the necessity of establishing a minimum wage for coal-workers to compensate for the chance circumstance which may at any time prevent a coal-miner from producing a weekly output which, when paid for as piece work, will return him a living wage. It would appear that there is a good deal of sympathy in England generally for the proposal, particularly in view of the hazardous nature of the occupation with its long record of harrowing tragedies. Con-

ferences of representatives of the men and delegates of the operator have not evolved a settlement at time of writing, and the action of Parliament may presently be invoked to legislate into being a minimum wage, adjusted to local circumstances district by district.

The situation raises some interesting questions. (1) The coal-strike is causing non-employment in a hundred other industries; what is the real solidarity of labor against hunger? (2) Is English labor taking advantage of its Radical government to force upon it legislation to which, unprompted, it would never rise? (3) In view of the complacency with which the people of England in face of general strikes discuss acquirement by the government of railways and other public utilities, is it possible that the Socialist element which dominates the English labor vote is farsightedly campaigning for its proclaimed end and goal?

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In Germany the Reichstag has convened. The Kaiser's address ignored the election results; can kings and ostriches be kin? Dissidence in the Left brought about the election of a Centrist speaker, Professor Spahn, but for all that a Social Democrat was chosen First Deputy and a National Liberal Second Deputy. The professor declined to play in such naughty company and resigned, with the result that the Presidency or Speakership fell on a second vote to the Left also. We must be careful however not to assume that German Liberalism is now homogeneous enough to favour a governmental bloc; 'what has

been obtained' says Herr Bernstein, writing for the London 'Nation,' 'is an **entente**, a combination for the fight against reaction and for the conquest of political reform.'

Lord Haldane, British minister for War, has been visiting the Kaiser in Berlin. We are not yet informed as to the occasion for the visit but it is open to one to guess that some **pourparlers** for a better understanding may have been exchanged.

In the United States candidates for the presidential chair are the absorbing topic. Mr. Roosevelt's announcement that he will be a candidate if his party calls him is hardly a surprise to those who have been watching the Contributing Editor's mental and moral gymnastics of late; it is something of a shock however that a man who has done so much preaching about the 'straight' life, could double an ethical corner so easily. He is to be nominated of course having been so unwise as to say in 1901 that he would not under any circumstances be a candidate for another presidential term, since many people will insist that he should have meant what he said, and that despite the fact that father-confessor Lyman Abbott has discoursed that "another presidential term" meant 'another consecutive presidential term.' The ex-President bids fair to plunge his party into disaster and himself into disgrace.

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The lesson of the preceding paragraph is that it is the white man's duty to keep his word; "he that sweareth to his own hurt and changeth not" still seems to occu-

py the sound position. The majority—not, one regrets to say, the large majority—of South Renfrew electors held by it, and very properly returned to our Federal Commons the Hon. Geo. Graham, ex-minister of railways. Briefly the arrangement was this as entered into by local leaders of the two parties, that if the Liberals permitted the unopposed return of Mr. McGarry to the Ontario Legislature at the December election, no opposition would be offered by Conservatives to the return by acclamation of the candidate for the Federal House in whose favor Mr. Low, the sitting member might retire. Such compacts are not commendable, but, once entered into, they should be respected not being naturally immoral. Certain gentlemen of the Conservative Federal Cabinet, dreading, we rather suspect the addition of Mr. Graham's really high talents to the strength of the Opposition, insisted on a contest; they were obliged—and ignominiously defeated. The Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Customs, may be credited primarily with this magnificent display of tactics.

In the Federal House the most important matter up recently is the Boundary Bill for the extension of the territory of Manitoba

and of Ontario and the settlement of a number of vexing problems connected therewith. Its terms seem very reasonable to all parties concerned in the agreement; the Liberal politicians of course are deeply pained over the bill's many inadequacies and shortcomings, but gentlemen who failed in a dozen long years to effect any settlement whatever should be heard with but scant grace on this topic.

But perhaps the most notable event of the month is the now famous decision of Judge Charbonneau of Montreal on the Hebert case arising out of the *Ne Temere* decree. The whole position of the Roman hierarchy with regard to the civil law of Quebec was knocked flat, and M. Hebert finds himself still married, much to his chagrin and that of certain backers of his. The courage of Judge Charbonneau may be estimated by the fact that this is his fourth important decision against the ecclesiasticism of the Curia in Quebec. It is now the duty of the Federal Government to drop its 'stated question' policy and arrange for the carrying through to the last court of appeal of the Hebert case, which has the merit of concreteness and clearness. But perhaps Messrs. Borden and Doherty are not too keen on having a real case decided.

Modest Proposals

Part I.

1. You should never enter the library with one shoe squeaky: you will disturb some nervous wneck who is delving after the fourth dimension. Either see that both shoes squeak in unison or remove them entirely.

2. Always wear hard-heeled boots and always use the heels as well as you are able during your migrations in the library. This will draw all kinds of attention.

3. If, on entering the library, you see a friend, cough or whistle loudly between your fingers. If your first attempt fails to draw attention, do not feel discouraged. Try again.

4. And now, having got his attention, betake yourself to the other end of the table at which he is seated; then draw back a chair with as much clatter as possible,—that should further arouse your friend and, perchance, some others. Now make your request for the loan of a couple of sheets of paper in a tone at least loud enough to be heard in all parts of the room.

5. Your friend, if he is half decent, will throw you his note-book, and all that remains for you to do is to help yourself, at the same time making as much of that delightful sound of crumpling paper as you can; then throw back the remains of the note-book.

6. If the instructor in one of your courses happens to be in the library your stand may be greatly improved by placing yourself opposite him and then coughing noisily, at the same time holding the book on which he lectures prominently before you. Be careful that the book is right side up. Some professors are quite touchy about this!

7. Read with a pencil in each hand that you may jot down your own opinions on the margin.

8. If a particular passage or phrase pleases you more than others tear out the page. This is much easier than copying.

9. It may be difficult to attract attention at the charge-desk. Such attention may be won by walking thither on your hands, waving your feet in the air, and pushing the book along the floor with your nose.

10. Always try to draw the librarian into animated conversation. Some librarians have a marked weakness in this line. Encourage them in it.

11. If you have any work which you wish to do together with another be sure to bring it to the library. The suppressed tones of two earnest students is quite enough to start a whole host of the giddy ones.

Part II.

1. On entering the library (if you happen to think yourself moderately handsome) stop near the door and observe carefully where the ladies have chosen to sit. If there happens to be one who is not within easy whispering distance to one of the men make a bee-line for the chair nearest to her and in sitting down be careful to knock her chair (or her foot preferably) with your foot. If this will not provoke a sufficient volume of giggle and chatter try to catch the eye of the lonely lady on the other side of the room. If your eyes alone prove ineffective, do not despair. Cough, tap the floor with your foot and the table with your pipe, whistle: in short do anything to attract attention. Shove back your chair with all possible clatter, rise, stamp on the floor, call the fair one by name—and at last having got her attention sit down majestically upon the books of the lady who has been so disagreeable as neither to giggle nor chatter for your amusement. Now enjoy yourself. That end justifies the means and all incidental occurrences.

2. But perhaps instead of seating yourself as above you would prefer to converse at close range. You will please yourself. If it is not too much trouble you may cross the room and sit, dangling your legs from the table, beside the more obliging lady's books.

Part III.

1. You, too, gentle reader, should pause on the threshold of the library, for if you cannot see a table free entirely from other representatives of the fairer half of humanity, you must find a place with an empty chair beside it.

2. And, of course, when some dear boy cannot find a seat elsewhere and must perforce sit beside you, you will giggle and chatter to our heart's content—and his.

3. But, perchance, from the threshold you see no deserted table, no pair of empty chairs, not even a vacant place beside a book o'er which a manly brow is bent, but only a place where you are in danger of being lost in a mass of femininity. Gentle reader, do not lose heart! As you take your seat get your left-hand neighbor's attention and giggle. Giggles are more catching than measles. You will be surprised how soon some of the men on the other tables will be giving you some sort of attention.

4. And, gentle reader, copy those women-students who know how to show the world the courtesy of University men. The best way to do this is to seek out a man who is fond of calling and being called upon in the library; seek him out when he is comfortably seated and loth to rise. Then remain standing by his side. You cannot imagine what a pretty scene this makes.

VIEWS AND REVIEWS

"The Home University Library of Modern Knowledge" is the name of an interesting series of popular educational primers, to which the attention of all students might profitably be turned. The wording of the title might suggest a slight initial misconception, since it implies that the University man has no need of such assistance as these little manuals may have to offer. But the academies of today do not on the whole, tend to impart wide knowledge to their members, and, unless the student has a reserve of initiative, to which he gives a considerable amount of free play, he will never carry away with him any real breadth of active interests. The man who is vitally engrossed in a really varied range of subjects is more often met with outside the University than in it. The professor and the free-lance are seldom united in one person; and the average Arts undergraduate can hardly be expected to find time to read up Russian literature or the history of architecture. We pay this penalty for specialisation. Wherever there are pronounced obligations to a single subject or to a group of subjects, the widening of the intellectual horizon will be temporarily suspended. Whether it will be permanently checked or not rests with the individual. Most of us remain through life under the restrictions which passing conditions of study imposed on us at a critical period in our growth. This regrettable

state of affairs is fostered by a familiar superstition that a man's intellectual scope is fully developed before he reaches the age of twenty-five and that any attempts to expand later in life are as fatuous as a return to the feeding bottle. Surely it would be strange if that pioneering, foraging spirit, so strong in every child, were to disappear utterly immediately on the attainment of maturity. It is the duty of all members of a University to realise the inevitable handicap that is being put on their innate impulse towards expansion and to seize every opportunity of fanning the embers within them. The academic man can least of all afford to ignore an opportunity of adding to his intellectual interests at a minimum expenditure of time, and the immediate stimulus, which must be experienced, if such additions are to endure, is exactly what these little hand-books seem to offer. The assumption is, at any rate, amply borne out, when the list of contributors to the series is taken into consideration. Thus, Gilbert Murray represents Ancient Greece, Hilaire Belloc The French Revolution and so on. The price is thirty-five cents and the London publishers are Williams and Norgate.

A "William Shakespeare" has been contributed to this series by John Masefield. A copy of it strayed into Edmonton, thence to the University, where it mutely clamours for recognition. The book is remarkable, and would in

itself entitle its author to our consideration. He appears to be a man of about thirty, who has already published significant work. Two dramas, "The Tragedy of Pompey the Great" and "The Tragedy of Man" are, as the reviews showed, the product of a mind possessed of unusual individuality and courage. Equally arresting are a couple of excursions into realistic narrative in rhymed couplets. All who have the welfare of our own literature at heart must welcome a writer, who can deal frankly and austere-ly with uninviting phases of life. The best interests of English letters at the present day will be served by a return to complete sincerity in the presenting of life. We are already far removed from the literary prudery with which foreign critics used to reproach us. The reaction beginning definitely with Thomas Hardy, whose pessimism is largely explainable as a revolt against superficiality, and assisted or abused by various younger writers, would seem to be furthered sturdily and earnestly by the work of Masefield. In one of the above-mentioned narrative poems the downward career of a young labourer is traced from innocence to the scaffold. The pronouncement of the death-sentence is characteristic:—

Guilty. Thumbs down. No hope. The judge passed sentence:

"A frantic, passionate youth, unfit for life,
A fitting time afforded for repentance,
Then certain justice with a pitiless knife.

For her, who, but for him, had been a wife,
Pity. For her who bore him, pity." (Cheers.)
The jury were exempt for seven years.

Masefield's "Shakespeare" is a bold intuitive treatment of the plays, one by one, in chronological order, with only the briefest introductory remarks. University criticism on such a theme as Shakespeare is well-nigh exhausted. Without the device of style Professor Raleigh's book would show very decided shortcomings. Only a writer, who has no scholar's reputation to lose can venture upon really original statements on this mightily and much-belaboured subject. And, what is more, with the slow exhaustion of the scientific method, imaginative interpretations become the order of the day. If the spirit of Shakespeare is to be kept alive among us, it is to the poets that we must look, not to the literary historians and philologists. Incentive is more valuable to us now than cold-blooded assessment of the master-plays of our tongue. Creative writers of the twentieth century have an eye for Goethe's criticism of Hamlet or Lamb's appreciation of Lear. Masefield, himself a poet, takes a bold, individual attitude. According to him "the idea that teaching caused by some obsession is at the root of most tragedy" was for Shakespeare "the pole-star of dramatic action" and "the law of his imagination." It is true that he interprets his terms very broadly and practically identifies "teaching" with "a deviation from the

type" and "obsession" with "passion," but even a narrow reading of the words proves astoundingly suggestive. The author's assignment of a distinct and separate intellectual quality to most of the plays is again highly provocative. The Merchant of Venice "illustrates the clash between the emotional and the intellectual characters"; Love's Labour Lost is "full of the problem of what to do with the mind"; in Much Ado About Nothing Shakespeare "writes of the power of report, of the thing overheard, to alter human destiny." In conclusion, one instance of intuition: "When he created Iago he wrote in a cooler spirit than when he created the earlier

characters. Iago is therefore much more perfectly a living being but much less passionately alive than the soul burnt out at Bosworth. . . . He is drawn with a sharp and wiry line. Like all sinister men, he tells nothing of himself. We see only his intellect. What he is in himself is as mysterious as life. Life is clear, up to a point, but beyond that point it is always baffling. Shakespeare's task was to look at life clearly. Looking at it clearly he was as baffled by what he saw as we, who only see by his aid. He found in Iago an image like life itself, a power and an activity, prompted by something secret and silent."

St. Patrick

ALL HAIL! dear St. Patrick, thou apostle of learning!
 Give ear, blessed Saint, to the wanderer's plea;
 And pity the exile whose thoughts oft returning
 Yearn for his dear Erin beyond the wide sea.

From the Isle thou didst save from the bondage of Satan
 In anguish we sailed to seek foreign lands.
 On white-fringed shores, in an alien nation,
 Our harp wet with tears lies mute on the sands.

O, protect, holy Patron, the fruits of thy life work;
 Restore all thy children to their emerald home;
 Raise stainless the harp-enshrined flag and the shamrock,
 And bid Erin's children no longer to roam.—Ex.

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EDITORIAL

Inter-University Debate

The first debate between the two new universities of the prairie provinces has passed and left us the defeated in the struggle. By a consensus of opinion the debate was successful and fully justifies the action of the Literary Society in pushing forward the arrangements in face of unexpected difficulties. But now that the idea has been worked out in this first instance, preparation should be made to place the scheme of outside and inter-University debating on a good working basis. It will be a matter of policy to draw up a constitution to regulate the conduct of the debates in every detail.

That such an important and interesting part of University training should receive scant attention would be unfortunate. Yet such has been the danger hitherto. Other interests have crowded out the debating in the past. Last year this was the case when a Debating Club was partially formed. This year the Freshman Class has come forward with a fine scheme, organizing debating circles in their class. Each circle is composed of both Arts and Science men, and in this combination there is a splendid unison of spirit shown. The effort is a highly commendable one and is meeting with the success it deserves. In one respect perhaps the young organization falls short. The time for each speaker is limited to a few minutes and the debater under the circumstances is tempted to give the subject only slight preparation. In the organization of a full fledged University Debating Club in view

of the larger scope and greater interest carefully selected subjects would be chosen and a sufficient amount of thought and time bestowed upon the resolution to ensure a finished debate. Presumably the work of the Philoneicians is in anticipation of such a movement. This year the Literary Society introduced a new feature in the Class Oratorical Contest. Would it not be worth while also to organize the classes in the matter of debating? Each class might have a team of its own which could challenge that of another class until a final class debate between the two winning teams. To celebrate the event and to add interest a trophy might be made the prize of the contest.

The Student Union

In the new constitution now being discussed by the students the temporary name of Alma Mater Society has been discarded for the less traditional and perhaps more practical name of "Students' Union." The chief argument made for the change was the statement that the time-worn name of "Alma Mater" was the distinctive possession of an Eastern University. We are granting a great deal surely with little evidence to show whether we are right or wrong in making this concession. The characteristic form or management of the Alma Mater Society is the inseparable property of the organization in question, but the name is the common property of all universities. We may speak of the "Union" now but in a short time we will speak of our "Alma Mater." The change may be well made but the reasons given are far-fetched.

Close of the Year

With the next issue we will bid farewell to our subscribers and the public in general for another summer vacation. The April number will have many of the features of an Annual and we intend making it the final effort of our publishing year. To produce the number in time for circulation and to enable us to extricate ourselves from the pile of work it entails we are entirely at the mercy of our contributors and the p. d. We do not wish to lessen its attractiveness in the least and desire to have the active co-operation of everyone concerned that a fine production may be consummated. All copy and photographs must be in hand not later than March 26th.

Before next publication date the Annual Election of Officers will have passed. According to the constitution the day of elections is fixed for April 3rd. We look forward to a period of enthusiastic electioneering and a display of spirit which will redound to the honor of the University of Alberta.

Visit of Dr. W. T. Grenfell

The large company of students and friends of the University who listened with intense interest to the racy and pithy address of Dr. Grenfell had a rare glimpse of self-sacrificing service. The man of the Labrador coast, however, would be the last to call his work a sacrifice. He looks upon life as the greatest of assets and the possession of a mission as the necessary qualification for life. Dr. Grenfell gave an important view of life and service. No lure of wealth or glamor of fame has called him to the service on behalf of the deep-sea fisherman, but the call of the needy in a land of dreariness and human want. The chief acknowledgment of the unerring light that led the skilled surgeon to leave the beaten paths of society for the uncharted tracks of the north is found in the response of other men and women to the same gleam. Dr. Grenfell's appeal to the men of the American universities has had a response in consecrated lives and valuable gifts. Princeton, Harvard, Yale and McGill have given boats and most of them men besides. These students, who are mostly all able to go out at their own charges, first caught the spirit of work in spending the long vacation in the company of the doctor on his long rounds. Now they are ready to give their training and their lives in the place where service counts for most—where the need is greatest and the chance to be repaid the smallest.

In listening to Dr. Grenfell, the conception of a modern Christian was received, a man who looked upon Christianity as nothing if not practical and life not worth while if not full of service. The short poem of Mrs. Sigourney admirably shows the spirit of the man:

“Was this his home,
Whose graceful form and courtly nature spake
Of pleasant parlors and of curtained halls,
Of pictured nooks, whence trembling music stole,
And the oak garnished study, where soft light
Through Gothic window, rich with trellised vines,
Gleaned o’er the storied page?

What should content,
In this unsightly wilderness, a man
Who hath in him ambition’s classic thought—
Senses that lean to pleasure—nerves that wake
At memory’s tender pleasure—and a heart
To thrill and beat at what the world calls fame?

What bows him to such bonds?
The love of Christ
And for the souls he died for. Doubt ye not;
That love shall yield a gain, which they who serve
Mammon or man partake not.”

Y. M. C. A.

The programme of the University Service for the month of March has been altered to the following:

- March 3.—Rev. W. G. Brown.
- March 10.—Rev. W. G. Boyd.
- March 17.—Principal Dyde.
- March 24.—Chancellor Stuart.
- March 31.—Professor Bland.

The work of the present Y. M. C. A. Executive must be wound up before

March 31. All subscriptions should be paid up as soon as possible in order that the financial budget may be met.

At a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet it was decided that our association should undertake to raise one hundred dollars as our share of the expenses of the Glee Club.

Among our list of distinguished visitors this year are John R. Mott and Wilfred T. Grenfell. Few years will have two such landmarks by which to be remembered.

THE INTER-UNIVERSITY DEBATE

On Friday evening, March 8th, an historic event took place in Western university life when Alberta and Saskatchewan met in debate at Edmonton and Saskatoon. We hope though that history will not repeat itself in exactly the same way since the Saskatchewan men got the decision in both places.

At Edmonton Messrs. J. A. Rae and T. S. Watson championed Saskatchewan, upholding the resolution "That Canada should forthwith proceed to build, maintain, control, and operate a Canadian national navy." The home team opposing them were Messrs. A. E. Ottewell and W. Davidson. Mr. Rae showed himself a strong speaker from the first but it was in the rebuttal that his splendid control and well timed repartee won the day. Mr. Watson spoke fluently and urged most persistently a national ideal for Canadians which would bring forth a navy. Mr. Ottewell laid down his arguments in a clear and convincing manner. Mr. Davidson spoke with wit and ability.

The judges were Justice Symmons, Dr. Dyde, and Dr. Broadus. After about an hour they brought in a unanimous decision that in argument the two teams were equal but in style the affirmative led by five points. Immediately the audience rose and cheered for the winners.

The Hon. A. C. Mitchell, Minister of Education for Alberta, in the capacity of chairman, ably assisted the proceedings. While the judges were coming to a decision Miss C. M. Bell favored the audience with piano selections and Mr. D. P. Cameron with recitations. They were followed by an impromptu programme.

The evening closed for the debaters in Athabasca Hall where the Minister of Education presided over a turkey supper at which the judges, Dr. Riddell, and student representatives were present.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Dramatic Society held its regular meeting on Saturday evening, March 9th in Athabasca Hall. Maeterlinck's one-act play *L'Interieur* was

read. The excellence which characterized the rendering of "Kathleen in Houlihan" was fully maintained. In spite of the disadvantages of lack of stage setting and theatrical lighting, which such a play demands, the impression created was remarkably intense, as the dialogue of the old man and the stranger revealed the tragedy of the drowned girl to whose family they had come to bring the news. There was deep pathos in the old man's hesitation as he sees at a window above the garden the unsuspecting parents and sisters peacefully engaged at their evening tasks. But a crowd brings the dead body; the old man is forced to go to the house. But "the child in the cradle does not awake." Subsequent remarks by some of the members brought out the salient features of this short but vividly realistic drama.

At next meeting will be read Peabody's "The Piper," a poetic play which won the Shakespeare prize at Stratford-on-Avon two years ago.

COLLEGIUM AGRICOLARUM

During the first meeting of the Collegium Agricolarum at which a subject was discussed the President, John Blackmore, gave an interesting address on "Farming as an occupation; its advantages and disadvantages."

Since then real topics have been discussed and debated, such as the following: Resolved that reciprocity in trade with the United States would be advantageous to Canada," which formed the topic of the first debate. Mr. P. Young gave a thoughtful address on Asiatic Immigration and Dr. W. H. Alexander pointed out many of the difficulties which lie in a speedy solution of the problem.

At the last meeting the subject for debate was "Resolved that co-education in universities should be abolished." It was well argued by both sides but the judge, Dr. E. Sheldon gave the decision in favor of the affirmative.

The Collegium is gathering an abundance of literature from the societies, associations, and farms which are striving for a betterment of the agricultural industry.

A. S. CUMMINGS, Secretary.



THE WAUNEITAS

MISS J. F. MONTGOMERY, '13

LADY EDITOR

Miss Ockley's many friends will be glad to hear that she is rapidly convalescing.

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Miss J. F. Montgomery is recovering her health, and at the same time enjoying her visit in Victoria, B. C.

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The Wauneitas spent a very pleasant hour at Mrs. Edward's, on March 5th. To be a member of the Wauneita Society is to be one of a greatly privileged order.

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On the afternoon of Feb. 20, Mrs. Tory entertained the members of the Wauneita Society at the tea hour. In the dining-room the table was centred with daffodils and presided over by Mrs. Kerr, assisted by Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Broadus, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Lehmann and Mrs. Race. Mrs. Tory is a delightful hostess and the girls enjoyed the afternoon to the utmost.

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The spring is almost here and still no mention has been made of athletics for the women students, to take the place of the popular A. C. skating rink. A few lively games of tennis or basketball might help instead of hinder the severe "plugging" to which so many of the girls have become addicted.

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Y. W. C. A.

The regular meeting of the college Y. W. C. A. was held in the Wauneita room on Monday, Feb. 26. All the members were present and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

After the reading of the minutes and the transaction of the necessary business, the meeting took the form of a sewing bee, at which generous refreshments were served.

The work begun by the girls is to be finished at home and contributed to a mission at the end of the term.

Y. W. C. A. Sec'y.

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On Tuesday, Feb. 20th, the Wauneita Society held its regular meeting which took the form of a debate "Resolved that the College Woman is the Better Home-maker." The affirmative was taken by Misses Anderson and Fulmer and the negative by Misses Lloyd and McLaughlin. We are pleased to have with us Mrs. Race and Mrs. Lehmann who acted as judges. The decision was in favor of the affirmative. The meeting then adjourned to Mrs. Tory's where a very pleasant hour was spent.

E. C. A., Sec'y.

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The Wauneita Society held its regular meeting Tuesday, March 5th, at the usual hour. The programme for the afternoon was an address by Dr. Alexander on "Why I Believe in Equal Suffrage."

One phase of the great wave of social change, said Professor Alexander, is the emancipation of women. Emancipation comes from the Latin word "mancipium" meaning "any kind of chattel"; thus emancipation means "release from being a chattel."

The speaker then took up the position of women through the ages. First in Athens, woman was treated as a domestic slave and never seen on the street unless heavily veiled. Her life was painfully secluded. This was largely owing to the oriental influence.

Among the Hebrews, her position was at least no better. The Hebrew word for woman is so vile that it cannot be translated. The status of woman under Christianity was at first improved. She was recognized as the

spiritual equal of man. Then the monastic and ascetic influence began to creep in and the marriage relation was called the "Gate of Hell." By decrees of certain councils in the Catholic Church women were not allowed to receive communion, unless gloved and veiled.

The Protestant reformation brought no change. Luther was coarse in his attitude towards women.

Then again in the 18th century how were women considered? We need only look at the character of the women as revealed in the works of Smollett and Fielding. Jane Austin's women are interesting but that is all that can be said of them.

During the Victorian era, which lasted for over sixty years, we have a hypocritical type, affected modesty until it became prudery.

The real emancipation came from the hands of people who made no claims upon religion, but merely worked by reason. Two names are to be noted in this connection, John Stuart Mill and George Holyoake, free-thinkers.

Emancipation in education was largely due to the efforts of a woman, Dr. Jex Blake. She had distinguished herself in mathematics and sought admission to the medical university of Edinburgh which was very conservative. At length she was admitted to special classes. One woman who was successful in winning a prize was bitterly persecuted. Women were then forbidden admission. An appeal was taken to court and at last women were admitted. Even today in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge we find the same attitude of exclusion from degrees.

The social phase of the question was next taken up. There were three great questions to be considered in connection with this: divorce, marriage relation and custody of children. Mrs. Norton was taken as an example. Spurred on by a very unhappy domestic life, she attempted to reform the laws respecting divorce and custody of children. Reference was also made to Henrik Ibsen's play "The Doll's House," in which there is pictured the ignorant Norwegian wife who did not know that it was a crime to forge her name to a check.

The political emancipation is the end towards which reform has been tending. The pioneers of this movement were Susan B. Anthony and Julia Ward Howe. There are now six states in the Union which have equal suffrage, namely, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington and California, so that the battle has really been won in the West.

In Australia and New Zealand equal suffrage has been the law for years. In 1903 Norway succeeded in passing this law. Sweden, also, has equal suffrage. In the United Kingdom there is partial franchise, as is also the case in parts of Canada. For example, Edmonton and Calgary and Toronto have passed a law permitting married women, as well as widows and spinsters, holding property in their own name to have a vote.

What are the effects of equal suffrage on men? To answer the question men may be divided into three classes. First, there is the class of men who treat women contemptuously. The second class, and the largest, because of their good breeding, respect women but are unimpressed by them. The third class is composed of those who desire women as friends or comrades. Taking the third class first, their ideal will be rendered possible under equal suffrage. There can be comradeship only between equals, and until women have equal rights with men they are not considered equal. The second class will not only be respectful but will have to listen to women, because politicians are ruled by people who have the votes. The first class will pass into the respectful but unimpressed class. Women will become comrades of men, not sources of amusement as in the days of Smollett and Fielding. These women could never command respect. The granting of equal suffrage will also have an economic effect upon women. There are many limitations now, especially in connection with property. The intellectual effect will be observed in the growth of the spirit of fairness. Women are not fair because they have never been treated fairly.

Again, what will be the effect on the state. To have a state it is necessary to have men and women in combination. Woman bears the name citizen but has none of the privileges.

Men have the power of reasoning and women have the gift of intuition. Just now the state refuses to use this half of its brain which would be of vast use to the state. What would the practical result be? There have been none of the threatened dangers nor have any of the anticipated blessings resulted. The fact remains, however that there has been an intellectual emancipation.

Dr. Alexander then answered some of the criticisms that have been advanced. Equal suffrage has often been objected to, on the ground that it will mean a duplication of votes. This may be true, but what harm will result? Another objection is that it will cause domestic trouble. Well, in homes where quarrels would arise over politics, they would likely arise over more petty affairs and it would be better for a man and his wife to quarrel over some of the great outside questions. A man who wishes his wife to agree with him always is not to be respected much nor is a woman who always agrees. The home will not be neglected any more than now. Political meetings will merely take the place of the tea meetings of today.

It is often said that women are not qualified to vote. Are the Chinese and Galicians qualified? Yet over two

hundred Chinese voted in Edmonton last election.

Another argument often brought forward is that women do not want the vote. This does not excuse them if it is a benefit to the state.

Men say that women will not vote when they do have the right based on the fact that women refuse to vote upon partial franchise. They are not to be blamed for not voting, where they have only part of their right. It is like giving a child a toy to keep it quiet for a while. Then too, consider the miserable polling booths, which are scarcely fit for a decent man to enter, far less a woman. In Australia a greater percentage of women voted than men. In Norway 72 per cent. of women voted, while only 70 per cent. of men.

Again, it is said that women are inconvenient on boards, etc. This may be true. Men may have to become a little more gentlemanly and indulge less in smoking.

The greatest objection is that every vote means a bullet. This is not true for even men over seventy and eighty years of age may vote and they would not be of much use in time of war. Invalids also are permitted to vote. Besides where would the men be if it were not for the mothers?

E. C. A.

The man that knows not, and knows not that he knows
not is stupid—experience may teach him.

The man that knows not and knows that he knows not
is appreciative—help him.

The man that knows and knows not that he knows is
asleep—arouse him.

The man that knows not and thinks that he knows is a
fool—shun him.

The man that knows and knows that he knows is wise—
follow him.



DOUGLAS H. TELFER, '4, EDI OR.

Student Self-Government The self-government scheme met with a harsh reception. We do not think it deserved all the things said about it. However, since it is referred back to a special committee, it is to be hoped that the new scheme will be better received.

The discussion of the proposed scheme of government gave an opportunity for many men both to be seen and heard. It also gave rise to many unnecessary things being said. Still we are glad to find the men were interested enough in it to wax eloquent about it, especially those men who are spending their first year in College. It augurs well for the future.

We still believe that self-government will have a beneficial effect upon the men. It would be a deplorable thing if we were to let this opportunity pass of becoming a self-governing body.

Special Number We hope that Alberta College men will bear in mind the special number of the "Gateway." This edition, under the able guidance of the Editor-in-Chief, is sure to be well worth buying as a Souvenir Number.

The Editor-in-Chief and the Business Manager have spent time, energy and brains in their endeavor to make the Gateway representative of the University life. In this we think they have succeeded to a great degree, and an opportunity is now afforded to show appreciation of their efforts by supporting their final effort. Place your orders early as only a limited number of copies will be provided.

Football No team in the past has better upheld the honor of the College than has the football team. We are glad to learn that a team is organized and is already in training, waiting for the first opportunity to test their strength.

It will not be long before the ball will be bouncing again and the men, gasping for wind, will follow it just for the love of playing. This is what makes it worth while.

Football is a clean, manly sport and we hope that this year's team will maintain the reputation gained by previous teams.

We wish the men all success.

SECOND ANNUAL CON- VERSAZIONE

On the evening of February 29 about four hundred of the friends of Alberta College together with the students assembled at the second Annual Con-
versazione.

Full arrangements were made by the committee in charge for the reception of the guests. The visitors were received at the south door and conducted by ushers to the cloak rooms in the south wing. Next the guests proceeded to the large entrance hall, which was decorated with green and palms, where the patronesses stood ready to receive. The patronesses were Mesdames Bulvea, Sifton, Tory, Dyde, Taylor, Rutherford, Cushing, Riddell, Millar, Bland, King, Leitch.

While the guests were gathering in the Assembly Hall, which was decorated with red, white and blue bunting, flags and palms, the orchestra entertained them with many fine selections. Every available space in the hall was filled and many persons had to remain standing.

The programme was well rendered, consisting of an instrumental solo by Miss C. M. Bell, vocal solos by Misses H. Anderson and B. Pilkie and Mr. W. Hendra, an octette by Messrs. Clegg, J. Rogers, Priestley, D. Telfer, A. Telfer, Berry, Simpson, and Rice, a mandolin selection by Mr. Jenkins, and a reading by Miss M. V. Hicks. Each item was warmly received and justly encored.

After the programme there were seven promenades. While these were going on Miss Hicks and her pupils gave a pantomimical exhibition. The posing of the young ladies was very graceful and called forth the warmest praise from those who saw it. Miss Bell, in her gipsy tent, erected in the hall, plied the wierd calling of revealing the future to the trembling hearts which gathered around her.

While these things were going on, on the first floor, the refreshment committee were busy supplying dainty viands to the guests in the dining hall on the second floor. On the third floor the decoration committee had fixed up some delightful cosy corners which were well patronized during the evening. Another feature was the Leap Year parlor on the first floor, which was neatly decorated and fixed

up with the necessary appendages to make those who occupied it feel at ease and happy.

At one o'clock the happy gathering broke up, each one voting the Second Annual Conversazione a success.

LITERARY SOCIETY

On Friday, February 16th, the Alberta College students were the guests of the University Literary Society at a pleasant Reception given for them. The number that attended was not very large but that fact in itself contributed something towards the enjoyment of the evening.

Mr. L. Cairns, the president of the University Literary Society, was in the chair, and showed himself quite a "wag." He made a very happy chairman. President Tory in a few well-chosen words welcomed the students of Alberta College, and Mr. S. R. Laycock, B.A., responded for the College. Being a very youthful man much surprise was evidently felt when he appeared before the audience to speak, since the chairman had introduced him as Doctor Laycock.

A very good programme of music was provided, to which the University orchestra, of which we are so justly proud, contributed two delightful selections. We bespeak a good future for the orchestra.

The evening closed with the very welcome item of "refreshments." In this item everybody took keen interest and partook to the full. So drew to a close an evening which will be long remembered by those who were the guests of the University Literary Society.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA COLLEGE

This Association, of which all the theological students in the College are members, is affiliated with the Alberta Methodist Probationers' Association.

Part of the work of the Association is to undertake pulpit supply. During the past month Messrs. Cummings, Suttill and Bosomworth visited Vegreville and Warwick, in the Vermillion district on successive Sundays and rendered very acceptable service. We expect to supply the field with preachers until the end of the present term.

The Evangelistic Band, which operates under the auspices of the Associa-

tion, has been holding services on Sunday evenings at the Bijou Theatre, First Street, Edmonton. The work, commenced in November last, has been carried on under the name of the Central Mission, and has proved very successful in every way. Recent speakers at the services were Messrs. Davidson, Forshaw, Priestley and Parry. Special attention is paid to the musical portion of the service, and with the assistance of the choir and orchestra this part is made very effective.

BASKETBALL

The organization of a basket-ball team gives promise of this game taking its place as one of the popular games of the College. Last Saturday, March 9th, Varsity and the College played a game in the College gymnasium, the score being 26 to 17 in favor of the Varsity team.

On Monday, March 11th, the College team played at the Y. M. C. A., Ed-

monton and succeeded in winning by the score of 33 to 29.

There is a possibility of the team being entered in the Intermediate League which is in the process of formation. If it is, we hope that the men will support the boys in their endeavors to uphold the honor of the College.

DO YOU KNOW—?

That the South Pole was already sub-divided when the explorers got there. View lots \$150, third, six and twelve.

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J. L. W.— to Mrs. R.—:

"What do you think caused the fire?"

"Someone dropped a match or something on the paper, I suppose."

"Well I don't know, but don't you think it might have been caused by spontaneous combustion?"

"Spontaneous combustion! what in the world would anyone be doing leaving that stuff around in the College?"



The students of Alberta Theological College had an opportunity last night to display their fire-fighting capabilities. A fire started in the basement at about 8:30 p.m., but the hose was

soon turned onto the blaze, which was quickly extinguished. The students have an organized force of fire-fighters, and so did not call in the city force.—Edmonton Journal.



ROBERTSON
PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL
COLLEGE.



A. E. HAYES '15, EDITOR

Inquiries are reaching Robertson almost every week with regard to courses of study, both intra-mural and extra-mural, for session 1912-13. These inquiries come from the province of Saskatchewan as well as Alberta.

Two additional scholarships have recently been founded, one by Edward Brown, Esq., of Winnipeg, (value \$50), to be called "The Carmichael Scholarship," and one by our esteemed chairman of the Board of Management, John A. McDougall, Esq., M.P.P., (value \$50), for the most deserving extra-mural student. These two scholarships will be open to students registered in session 1912-13.

Valuable contributions in books are being received. Mrs. McKillop of Lethbridge, has sent the large and well-appointed library of her late husband, a splendid donation of several hundred volumes. Frank Yeigh, the well known Canadian author, who has already sent several volumes, is planning to donate a whole series of books in conjunction with other friends from Toronto. Mr. and Miss Robertson, of Arnprior, Ontario, have sent the Expositor's Bible Series. A friend across the sea has heard the appeal of Robertson, and has sent, through Dr. McQueen, twenty volumes of historical works. A Sunday school class wishes to give some special book. The names of the class are to be inscribed in their special gift. It will be an interesting book when the beginnings of "Little

Robertson" come to be told in story. Here are the names of other contributors: Mrs. W. T. Paterson, Vancouver, six valuable books; Mrs. Thos. Copeland, Saskatoon, scholarship of \$25 for next session, and a valuable copy of "Burns"; Mrs. Mabel Green, \$10 for library; T. W. Cromb, \$6 for library; Mrs. Hotson, \$25 for library. ...

Rev. J. C. Robertson, of Toronto, secretary of the Sunday school committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, visited the College recently and addressed the students. Mr. Robertson is one of the outstanding men in Sunday school work. He is a champion for the children, and his plea to the students regarding the organizing and maintenance of Sunday schools on the different missions will not go unheeded.

Here are a couple of paragraphs worth reading, and the men who go out from these institutions to do mission work realize that Mr. Robertson has summed up the situation in a striking manner:

"Then there is the American invasion to be considered. These immigrants coming at the rate of 100,000 a year from the West are in many respects the finest we are receiving. They have money and knowledge; they have horses and cattle, and they know how to make money, and probably they are going to be the dominating element; but what about their moral and religious character? Fifty years ago, when their father pioneered the Eastern States, the churches failed to follow them

up, and there grew up a generation of men and women keen on making money, but churchless and Sabbathless and godless, and not only did they suffer, but the churches of Canada are suffering today because the churches of the United States failed fifty years ago. We have among these Westerners a clever, enterprising and keen-witted people who have inherited no reverence for the Church, no regard for the Lord's day, and have no special sensitiveness to religion.

"If ever there was a time when this land called for the leadership of strong, unworldly men who have a

firm hold upon the things that are unseen and eternal, who cannot be deceived by the glitter and glare of things material, it is to-day, when the rapid growth of population and great development and increase of wealth are exhilarating people to the verge of intoxication, declared the speaker. It was not only the destinies of this land that had to be moulded by the men needed, for Christianity had to stand or go down before paganism in the lands of the West, where there were signs of unrest and revolution in thought and custom."

An Anecdote of Professor W. James

When I was a freshman in Harvard College I stood one day looking into the window of a bookstore on Harvard Square, at a new volume of O. Henry. A quietly dressed, unimpressive man with a sparse, dark beard came up and stood beside me.

Said he suddenly, "Have you read the new one?"

"No," I said.

"Neither have I. I've read all the others though."

"He's great, don't you think?"

"Bully. Lets go in and buy this one."

So we went in and bought O. Henry. Coming out of the store he turned to me and said, "You'd better come home to dinner with me. I'm all alone to-night."

"All right," I said. "I'd like to very much."

He never asked my name; I thought he must be some college instructor.

We walked slowly through the college yard, talking of what makes Harvard—not to a graduate, mind you, but to a freshman—the great football games, which have something stern and ideal about them; the big men in your class, and how you're sure they will be big men some day; "parties in tights" on spring nights, when some are just a little "edged."

He listened to these things with the air of a man who knew all about them and loved them. And yet I noticed that his beard was a little gray.

Soon we arrived at a big house on a quiet street. There was no one home but the maid who served our dinner; and a great dinner it was, too. We both fell to like farm hands. Somehow I got the impression that this man was about my own age.

After dinner we went into a long, deep comfortable room, lined with low book-cases. He produced some cigars; he sat in a big chair, and I reclined on a lounge. We discussed the undergraduate clubs and how to become popular; then we drifted into comic operas. It developed that he was rather fond of Eddie Foy and Richard Carle, my particular favorites in that direction.

I stayed in the big room until nearly midnight. As I stood in the doorway telling him what a good time I'd had, he said:

"You must come again, and we'll have another talk. I don't think I know your name."

I told him.

"And now, may I ask yours?"

"I'm William James."

—American Magazine.



ATHLETICS



H. J. DEAN, '13

HOCKEY

The hockey season is fast drawing to a close and at the time of writing it looks as if the ice will last only a few days more. The Intercollegiate League has been finished for one more year and the S. C. I. boys are the possessors of the historical old mug which was first put up for competition in 1895. The South Side Collegiate boys must be complimented on their success in winning over the Edmonton Alberta College in the final game, by beating their much heavier rivals 3 to 1 on strange ice. The University Intercollegiate seven did poorly this season, but considering the handicaps they were working under they had lots of pluck to even play every game on their schedule.

The so-called Varsity team is still busily engaged searching for more hockey laurels. They are now engaged in a best three out of five game series for the Brackman-Ker trophy, emblematic of the senior championship of Greater Edmonton. The Brackman-Ker Company this year recalled the cup, had a new constitution drawn up, appointed new trustees and then handed the trophy to the Varsity Club, who were the first challengers to defend. The Maritimes are as yet the only other team to challenge and the series promises to be a lively one. So far each team has won a game and neither seems to have anything on the other, as has been shown by the close games played all season.

The first game for the silverware was on March 1 and after sixty minutes of exciting play, the students managed to corral the game by the remarkably close score of 4-3. The play was every bit as close as the score would indicate. At half time both had score twice, but at the commencement of the second period Varsity scored two more and although the Maritimes scored once and bomb-

barded the Varsity net custodian for the last few minutes, they were unable to tie the score. Goodridge at centre greatly strengthened the winners, but everybody, especially goal-keeper May, played his very prettiest.

The Varsity line-up was:—goal, May; point, Lavell; Cover, Steele; rover, Dean; centre, Goodridge; left wing, Raitt; right wing, Blayney.

The second game of the series was on March 4 at the Maritimes' home rink. This game had all the earmarks of being as close and as interesting as the first one. The score at half time was again 2-2, but the Maritimes by some strenuous work managed to register three times in the second period, while the Varsity shots all came to a sudden stop when Wright, the Blue Nose net guardian was reached. The Varsity team lined up the same as they did in the first game. The third encounter is on March 11 and the fourth one will take place on March 13. If a fifth game is necessary to decide the first senior champions of Greater Edmonton, it will probably be played on the 15th.

On February 15 the Varsity team took a jaunt down to play the Lacombe team of the Central Division of the senior A. H. A. The game was not of the parlor variety by any means, both teams engaging in considerable rough work. Although the ice was strange to the Varsity, they managed to pull out a 5-4 victory. The score was a tie, two all at half time.

RUGBY

Up to the time of writing this, the University has received no work as to when those rugby trophies are forthcoming. There is something lax about the management of the Big Four league, for although the season closed in November, nothing has apparently

been done re the awarding the trophies to the various winners. The University has the Intermediate and Junior championships for this year, but lectures will soon close for the term and nobody will even get a glimpse at the cups, probably until next fall—and maybe not then. There are also eighteen medals for the junior champs some place in Alberta—nobody knows where, at least if anybody does, he is certainly guarding the secret well.

At any rate it is time the trophies were forwarded to their rightful owners and it is up to the league secretary to see that this is done as speedily as possible.

Using the pages of the Gateway as a medium, we would also like to call the attention of the Athletic Association to the fact that many who have been entitled to A's have as yet not received them. No A's have been given out for two years and it behooves the athletic association to see

that this state of affairs is soon remedied. It is certainly up to the association to grant A's to those students who have played on the rugby teams for the past two seasons and also to those who played senior hockey last year. The Intercollegiate players of this year's team are also entitled to wear badges, seeing that they are the real University team this season.

BASKETBALL

The University basketball five tried conclusions with the Alberta College team on Saturday, March 9 and managed to win out by a score of 35—17. The play up until half time was very close, but in the second period the Varsity forwards began some of their old time stunts with the result that the College boys were badly beaten.

The Varsity team was composed of Hotchkiss, Parney, Blayney, Harlow and Fife.

Exchanges

McGill hockey team has won for itself the undisputed title of Intercollegiate champions. The last to fall before their invincible onrush was the Ottawa College aggregation.

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"Agricultural Journalism" in the February number of the O. A. C. Review is well worth quoting from: "In Canada there is not an unlimited field calling for an unlimited number of agricultural journalists. . . . It is a better class of writers—agricultural writers—that is wanted. There is a yet more urgent call for farm-trained men to write. Great economic questions have arisen in this young country. These questions are such that our farmers alone must be the prime movers in working out their solution. Happy will be that man (or men) who in these days of his youth fits himself to take his place in Canadian rural citizenship, not only in his own community, but throughout the land, by virtue of his pen brought to bear upon these economic questions voiced in his thought on paper, speaking to and leading on the great voice-

less multitudes—the farmers and working people who little know how to and can scarce protect their own."

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Queen's carries off the laurels for debating. On Feb. 23rd the championship was won in the struggle with McGill. The judge in giving his decision awarded the victory to Queen's, who won the debate on the number of arguments and on the array of authority they quoted.

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The Mitre says of an alumnus: "T. D.—, Esq., M.A., B.A., '94, M.D., C.M., is engaged in real estate in Western Canada." Surely he went a long way round to get there!

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We desire to acknowledge the receipt of the following exchanges: "McGill Daily," "Almafilian," "Gonzaga," "University of Ottawa Review," "O. A. C. Review," "Argosy," "Lux Columbian," "Acta Victoriana," "Dalhousie Gazette," "Western University Gazette," and "The Mitre."

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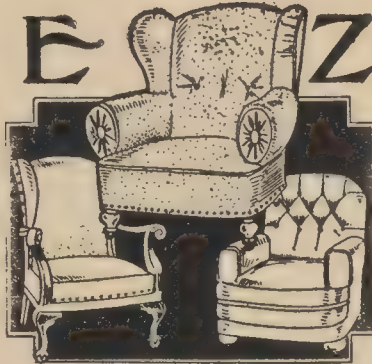
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A student of one college said to a friend who was attending a rival institution: "Your college never turns out gentlemen."

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A young politician speaking at a village in the north of Ireland, was condemning the government for its policy concerning income tax. The following is said to be part of his speech:

"Gentlemen, I say they'll keep cutting the wool off the sheep that lays the golden eggs till they pump the well dry. I venture to say, fellow citizens, that there is not a man, woman or child in this building who has attained the age of fifty years, has felt these mighty truths thundering in their ears for centuries. (Applause). The young men of Ireland are the backbone of the empire. What we have to do is to train that backbone and bring it to the front."

SHE (to rejected suitor)—"It's a shame that father should have treated you in such a manner. I have almost worshipped him, but I am afraid my idol has feet of clay."

HE—"Clay? Concrete more likely."

PROFESSOR (to classical student)—"If Atlas supported the world, who supported Atlas?"

STUDENT—"Can't say, sir. He must have married a rich wife."

PUPIL (in Euclid class to Professor)—"It is true, is it not, that Euclid personally bore the character of a trustworthy man who was careful of his statement?"

PROFESSOR—"Oh, yes."

PUPIL—"And he was a man to be depended on?"

PROFESSOR—"Yes."

PUPIL—"Then don't you think we might accept this proposition without further discussion?"

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'14—"Towerton says he doesn't wonder his sweetheart is afraid of lightning."

'15—"Why is that?"

'14—"Because she is so awfully attractive."

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"You bachelors ought to be heavily taxed," said a lady.

"True, ma'am," said the fogley, "bachelorism is undoubtedly a luxury."

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"When I get to heaven," said a lady to her Baconian husband, "I am going to ask Shakespeare if he wrote those plays."

"Maybe he won't be there" was the reply.

"Then you ask him," said the wife.

PROFESSOR (to class in surgery) —"Now the right leg of the patient, as you see, is shorter than the left, in consequence of which he limps. Now what would you do in a case of this kind?"

BRIGHT STUDENT—"Limp, too."

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The great thing for medical students to remember is that "dead men pay no bills."

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"How's your brother?"

"Not very well. He was playing with another little boy, seeing who could lean the farthest out of the window, and he won."

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"Your daughter is improving," said a music teacher, "but when she gets to the scales I have to watch her pretty closely."

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"Your brother Joe's boy is inclined to be a little wild, isn't he?" "Wild ain't no name for him. Sometimes that boy don't seem to have no more sense than a college student.

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"I was very sorry to hear of your wife's death, Isaac. But she was a great age, wasn't she?"

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"I think I'll get married. Mabel says she will be my wife on one condition, and I can't enter college with less than four."

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